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Agricultural Summary: This week the state experienced sporadic rainfall according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. Most areas across the State reported below average temperatures for this time of year. Producers were allowed 5.7 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	3	29	62	6
Last Week	4	28	61	7
Last Year	6	27	57	10

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	4	38	51	7
Last Week	5	35	55	5
Last Year	26	39	34	1

Small Grains: Spring barley was 37 percent harvested by week's end with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was reported 27 percent harvested and in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: Corn was 95 percent silked, 29 percent in dough stage, 9 percent dented and in good condition at the end of last week. Sorghum was reported to be 59 percent headed, 45 percent turning color, and 5 percent mature with the majority of the crop in good condition. Dry onions were reported 7 percent harvested. Dry onions and sugarbeets continue to be rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Summer and fall potatoes were reported in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were reported 9 percent harvested at week's end. Dry bean acreage was 92 percent flowered, and in good to excellent condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 16, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	1	2	25	38	34
Last Year	1	7	24	45	23
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	0	22	59	19
Last Year	1	10	28	40	21

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado showed an improvement this week. Currently, they are rated in mostly good condition. The alfalfa crop ended the week in mostly good condition with the 2nd cutting 78 percent finished, and 3rd cutting at 11 percent complete.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated average this week. Stored feed supplies remained above average for this time of the year. Livestock in Colorado are rated in good condition again this week.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 16, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	0	2	26	63	9
Prev. Year - 2008	19	29	34	15	3
5-Year Avg.	13	23	35	24	5

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending August 16, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Spring Barley				
Harvested	37	25	24	33
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	27	24	19	31
Corn				
Silked	95	92	99	93
Dough	29	18	45	36
Dent	9	0	11	8
Corn Silage				
Harvested	2	N/A	2	2
Sorghum				
Headed	59	50	84	72
Turning Color	45	35	68	23
Mature	5	0	1	1
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	9	3	5	11
Dry Onions				
Harvested	7	1	6	10
Dry Beans				
Flowered	92	79	84	82
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	78	67	88	89
3 rd Cutting	11	5	17	16

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	2	14	60	24
Corn	2	3	11	63	21
Sugarbeets	0	0	4	74	22
Summer Potatoes	0	0	10	80	10
Fall Potatoes	1	4	24	40	31
Sorghum	0	0	21	69	10
Sunflowers	2	2	26	48	22
Dry Beans	0	2	4	78	16
Dry Onions	0	0	1	82	17
Livestock	0	0	5	89	6

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.